

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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Title: SLIDERS BONDED BY A DEBONDABLE SILICON-BASED ENCAPSULANT

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON
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Sir:

This reply is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 14, 2008, in the above-identified application for which a three month period for reply was given, making this response due on or before February 14, 2008. As such, this amendment is timely filed.

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